

Claims 1-37 are subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as being directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, and are subject to further election of subspecies of the specie identified as Invention I (or Specie 1).

Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute in this application the Specie 1, and further elects to prosecute the sub-specie iii, and lists as readable thereon the claims 1-7, 11, 23-27, and 34-37. Claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice or estoppel concerning the subject matter thereof that is substantially duplicative of the subject matter defined in claim 11. Applicant submits that claim 1 and 34 are generic to multiple sub-species, including the elected sub-specie iii, that will also be entitled to examination on the merits upon allowance of a generic claim.

Applicant is retaining in this application, unexamined, the remaining claims 8-10, 12, 13, 15-22, 28-33, 38 and 39 pending allowance of a generic or linking claim.

Favorable action is solicited.

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